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A PERSONAL NOTE: We recently lost one of our most active collectors and dealers, **Larry Kiner**. I never met Larry but talked to him a few times. He had one of the largest collections in the country and was constantly coming out with supplements. He also wrote several books and issued many records. I do not know about the disposition of his collection... This is a shorter issue and is being sent a couple of weeks early so that updated convention information is received in time.

ULTIMATE LOG: The second supplement will be available at the convention.

CONVENTION 1994: Updates are included in the enclosed flyer.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: **Radio Recall**, Jul – Aug; article on Edward R. Murrow...**Illustrated Press**, Aug; article on Fred Allen...**RLL On the Air**, Aug; article on Ish Kabibble...**Chattanooga Airwaves** is a newsletter of a new group, **The Chattanooga Old-time Radio Club**. For information write Bob Axley, 4940 Bal Harbor Dr., Chattanooga, TN 37416...**Daily Sentinel**, Sep – Oct; several articles on the Shadow...**The Times of Kate Smith**, Summer; more articles about and information on Kate Smith... I received a publication from **Frank Amico** called **Metro Scene**, a monthly guide to in store appearances and autograph opportunities. For details write Frank at 246 Vernon Ave., Patterson, NJ 07503.. **Thrilling Days of Yesteryear**, Sep-Oct; articles and/or interviews with Easy Aces; Parley Baer; Dave Elman; Steve Allen.

BOOKS: As many of you know, Greenwood Publishing Group has published many bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. About 60 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800. Several I recently received were...**Past Times Publishing Co.** (Formerly Moonstone Press) just issued a new edition of **Spike Jones Off the Record** by Jordan Young, Box 142, Beverly Hills, CA 90213 (714) 956-2246. This is a complete revision and updated version of his previous Spike Jones book published a few years ago. The cost is \$17.95 and well worth it. It a revealing portrait with many interviews, photos, discography and other resource lists.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS: I received a notice about **Russ Columbo** activities. September 2, 1994 was the 50th anniversary of his untimely death. If you are interested in the first compact discs made of his songs, write Jim Bedoian, Take Two Records, 6105 Barrows Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90048. For the only biography of Columbo, write Robert Deal, 6 Dukes Close, Hampton, Middlesex TW 12 3JY England...The 1994 Induction Ceremonies of the **National Broadcasters Hall of Fame** are being held at the Grand Ballroom of the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, California on October 15, 1994. Those honored will be Ronald Reagan, Larry King, Art Linkletter, Maguire sisters, Gary Owens, Robert W. Morgan. For information, write NBHF, 201 Center St., Ste. 500, Anaheim, CA 92805.

LOGS; **Jack French**, 5137 Richardson Dr., Fairfax, VA 22032 has two new logs, both CBC shows: **The Quiet Force** (50 cents) and **Men in Scarlet** (\$1.00) or both for a juvenile adventure OTR shows that he doesn't have. Jack is going to be in an episode of "Homicide: Life on the Street." It will probably be the 7th show of the season about the apparent suicide of a police detective. Jack, who is the uncle of the policeman's daughter, has one line.

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS: **Great American Radio (Gary Kramer)**, Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437 has a new supplement with, among other shows, Chandu, Dangerous Assignment, Dr. Six Gun, Green Valley Line, It's Higgins Sir, Meet Millie, Shadow of Fu Manchu, Smiths of Hollywood, Vic and Sade...**Todd Nebel**, 1236 Ardmor Dr., Cary IL 60013 has many uncirculated shows for trade including Smoke Dreams, Green Hornet - many from 1939 – 1942, Fibber McGee and Molly, Shell Chateau. Todd would like Bold Venture, Maisie, Mark Trail, Rocky Fortune, I Was a Communist For the FBI...**John Barber**, Box 70711, New Orleans, LA 70172 has several more scripts for sale including Weird Circle, Suspense, Cavalcade of America. His new supplement also has many Superman...**Ron Staley**, 14144 Burbank Blvd. #4, Van Nuys, CA 91401 (818) 989-2137 writes that NARA is about to receive about 50,000 broadcasts of NBC which they recorded in the 1960's. They need money to help store

the reels and depending on what you send, will enable you for a free gift. Send a SASE to Ron for details.

NEW ADDRESSES: Randy Cox, Box 226, Dundas, MN 55019...Mel Goldstein, 39 First St., Garden City, NY 11040...Lee Maschmeyer, 2433 Elmhurst, Royal Oak, MI 48073...Lars Schinnerling, Westend Str. 20, D-63225 Langen, Germany.

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: Lee Gawroniak, Box 248, Glen Gardner, NJ 08826...Bernie Drew, 24 Gilmore Ave., Great Barrington, MA 01230 is very interested in compiling a Great Gildersleeve log and would like to correspond with others with same interest.. Bruce Glazer, 531 Fruit St., Mansfield, MA 02048...Karl Schadow, 221A Kirkland Dr., Richmond, VA 23227. As you can guess from the name, Karl is very interested in The Shadow.. Richard Bacon, 800 Red Mills Rd., Wallkill, NY 12589 is looking for clean comedy for an audience of families and is looking for scripts...Mike Mynahan, 32 Westland Ave., Saugus, MA 01906.

OLD FRIENDS: Dean Mayhew, Fish Point Rd., Box 75, Orland, ME 04472 is looking for someone to repair his 4-track reel recorder or would like to buy a good used one. John Truder, 4615-Greenhill Cresc. NE, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2E 5S1 has several books for sale for best offer including Radio Guide Mikerscope Album and Log Book, 1935; Bachelor's Children, 1939; This is Galen Drake, 1949, autographed; This is Your Announcer, 1945; The American Album of Poetry by Ted Malone, 1938; Those Radio Commentators, 1977; Inside ABC, 1979...Johnny Dawkins, 1072 South Cloverdale Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90019 FAX (213) 932-1753 is interested in science fiction scripts and wants to correspond with others who are very interested in science fiction in order to do a comprehensive study of the genre...Richard Pirodsky, 225 E. Dean St., Freeport, NY 11520 wants to know accurate identity of person who played Dyke Easter, Detective in the audition show. I list Albert Dekker. The announcer states it is Albert Hecht. Let me know also...Don Brush, 11232 Rampart Ln., Port Richey, FL 34668 is aware of a record store with many unplayed transcription discs. Write to him if you are interested. Don is also looking for a copy of the program from the first SAVE Convention in 1971 at the Holiday Inn in New Haven...Bob Burnham, Box 2645, Livonia, MI 48151 has a digital-quality tape of an interview with Ernie Harwell taken a few weeks ago. To get the tape, send Bob a blank cassette and a SASE with 52 cents postage, more if cassette is in a box...My brother, Joe Hickerson, 43 Philadelphia Ave., Takoma Park, MD 20912 is looking for anyone involved with the WPA radio programs of the 1930's...Kelly Berger, 2014 South 133rd Ave., Omaha, NE 68144 is looking for a good source of soap operas for trade or sale...Joseph Andrlik, 1523 McCulloch Ct., Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406 has 700 Suspense and would like to trade for more. He also has 900 CBS Radio Mystery Theater for trade. Joseph is also looking for a log of CBS Radio Mystery Theater...Mike Ogden, 5429 Grove Valley Rd., Tallahassee, FL 32303 is compiling a list for eventual publication of all the Orson Welles radio appearances in circulation and would like to receive lists and catalogs from collector/dealers who have newly circulated Welles material...Ed Pienkos, 26 Greenbriar Rd., Montgomery, IL 60538 wants to know who played the radio roles of Lightning Jim Whipple and his sidekick, Whitey Larson...Lee Munsick, 20 Harriet Dr., Whippny, NJ 07981 is still looking for information on any programs with Arthur Godfrey. this includes Fred Allen programs when he was the announcer; also "Life With Luigi" 9/2/52 in which Luigi wants to sing like Godfrey. Lee is also looking for any show with Frank Parker, Archie Bleyer and Janette Davis and any sheet music with any of the above of any of the three movies with Frank Parker...Paul Fixari 3258 S. Pine Ave., Bay View, WI 53207 is looking for a show from the early 80's called "Now Nordine" with Ken Nordine and "Etc." with Ken Ohst. Both shows came from WHA in Madison, Wisconsin.

IN FOND MEMORY: Ron Cochran, Jul 25, 81; Radio and TV correspondent and moderator (Answer Please)...Anne Shelton, Jul 31, 66; singer who became to be known as the Forces Favorite on wartime radio...Abraham Kroll, May 25, 91; radio and stage writer (House Party, Jack Benny)...Janis Carter, Jul 30, 80; Broadway and movie actress; wrote for Gangbusters...Naomi Mitty, Aug 24, 54; actress who played Gertrude Berg's daughter on the Goldbergs...K. T. Stevens, Jun 13, 74; actress (Pepper Young's Family).

Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

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CONVENTION '94: UPDATE # 2

October 20 – 22, 1994

General Information

All information about Seating, Ads, Air Lines, Registration are on the first update that came with the flyer. Also, don't forget to let me know what you are eating for Thursday and please preregister. If you do not let me know what food you want on Thursday, you will get London Broil. Those coming for the day will save \$5 a day by preregistering. Also, if you are coming for the day only, you will not have to stand in line and fill out a registration card if you preregister. Also, early bird prices are available until October 1. The money must be in by that time to save. We still have time for more collector oriented workshops on Thursday...Remember: Those people paying for the day must pay an extra \$5 if they want to stay for the cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres. The cocktail hour is for dinner guests only. For those calling Continental Airlines, the wrong code number was given. When you call, give the reference number NEV13T.

Additional Guests

New: Janet Cantor Gari, daughter of Eddie Cantor, and Brian Gari, grandson. They will present a Thursday evening program

Not Coming: Larry Dobkin and Joan Benny will not be coming.

Returnees: Vivian Block (Let's Pretend)...Pat Hosley (Archie Andrews, Brighter Day)...Arthur Tracy mentions that Vol 1 "The Street Singer" released worldwide is available by calling 1-800-538-4200. His Vol 2 is doing very well in England. Arthur recently celebrated his 95th birthday with a party with 100 friends.

Dealers

Dealers tables went very fast last year. Let me know as soon as possible if you want tables. All money must be received to ensure that you have tables where you want them.

Supplement 2 of my Ultimate History of Network Programming will be available

Workshops and Re-creations

The complete schedule as of September 7th is enclosed. Re-creation, workshop and panel leaders please take notice. Please make sure that all your participants are aware of the times for rehearsals and performances. If you need anything special, please let me know. If your people need rides, make sure Bill Nadel knows what time they have to be at the convention. Rehearsal times are also indicated for the benefit of the directors.

Raffle

There will be a raffle on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. If you would like to donate prizes, please let me know. We depend on the money received from the raffle and the sale of books, records, tapes, t-shirts and pins at the FOTR table to help pay for the many guests we have at our convention.

Books

Books and other items on sale at the convention as of now follow. If authors are tentatively coming, they are marked by an asterisk (*): Frank Munn by Tom DeLong; Life of Bob Hope by Arthur Marx; Candidly Allen Funt; The Norman Corwin Letters edited by A. J. Langguth; Here's Morgan by Henry Morgan; Sherlock Holmes by Gordon Kelley (*); Let's Pretend by Arthur Anderson (*). Spike Jones by Jordan Young

Hotel

Some registrants are forgetting to let me know if they need a hotel room. I must know in advance. Pay for the hotel upon arrival.

The schedule as of September 7th follows:

Wednesday: Complementary Wine and Cheese for overnight guests and committee from about 6 – 10 pm; Dealers can set up from about 2 pm on.

Thursday:

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| 9:00 – 3:30 | Setup of sound equipment |
| 9:00 – 5:00 | Dealers |
| 4:30 – 5:30 | “The Thrilling Days of Yesteryear” with John Rayburn |
| 5:30 – 8:00 | Cocktails, dinner and raffle |
| 8:00 – 9:00 | Eddie Cantor Program with Janet Cantor Gari and Brian Gari |
| 9:15 – 10:15 | Presentation of original radio program |

Friday Morning and Afternoon

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| 9:00 – 5:00 | Dealers |
| 9:00 – 9:45 | Jack French presents OTR Aviator Heroes |
| 10:00 – 11:00 | Tribute to Fred Allen hosted by Tim Coco |
| 11:15 – 12:00 | Quiz show with Mitchell Weisberg |
| 12:15 – 1:15 | Gotham Radio Players present “Lights Out” |
| 1:30 – 2:15 | America’s Town Meeting (Dave Zwengler) |
| 2:30 – 3:15 | Raymond Edward Johnson |
| 3:30 – 4:15 | Music and Its Interaction with Drama (Mike Mandel with Lee Erwin, Rex Koury) |
| 4:30 – 5:30 | Jack Benny Tribute (Larry and John Gassman with George Balzer) |

Friday Evening

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| 5:30 – 8:00 | Cocktails, Dinner and raffle |
| 8:00 – 9:00 | Re-creation (Escape with Jeanette Nolan and others) |
| 9:00 – 9:30 | Some awards |
| 9:30 – 10:30 | Author’s Panel with Arthur Anderson and Gordon Kelley |

Saturday Morning and Afternoon

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| 9:00 – 3:00 | Dealers |
| 9:00 – 9:45 | Quiz show with Dave Zwengler |
| 10:00 – 10:45 | Gary Yogg presents a look at Christmas Programs |
| 11:00 – 11:45 | Comic Weekly Man (with Lon Clark) |
| 12:00 – 1:00 | Panel on Child Actors (Arthur Anderson with all star panel) |
| 1:15 – 2:00 | Re-creation (Archie Andrews with Bob Hastings, Rosemary Rice, Hal Stone, Joan Shea, Pat Hosley) |
| 2:00 – 3:00 | (No Program) Dealer’s Rooms only |
| 3:00 – 4:00 | Music Panel/Moon River (Lee Munsick) |
| 4:15 – 5:30 | Shadow Panel/Re-creation with (John Archer, Ken Roberts, Margot Stevenson) |

Saturday Evening

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| 5:30 – 7:45 | Cocktails, dinner, raffle |
| 8:00 – 8:45 | Re-creation (Let’s Pretend “Rumpelstiltskin” directed by Arthur Anderson with an all star cast) |
| 8:45 – 9:15 | Awards |
| 9:30 – 10:30 | Musical Program (Lee Munsick) |

Because of the age of many of our special guests, we should end the convention on Saturday at a reasonable time